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HAPPY
Ganesh Chaturthi

Our offices and press will remain closed today & there will be no issue of the paper on Thursday

ONE-THIRD SCHOOL STUDENTS TAKE PVT COACHING: CENTRE'S SURVEY

The survey on education found that nearly 70% of students in urban areas are enrolled in private schools, with 30.7% relying on private coaching

TREND MORE PREVALENT IN RURAL AREAS

The Centre's Comprehensive Modular Survey (CMS), released on Tuesday, noted that the trend of taking private coaching was more common in urban areas than in rural areas (25.5%). The CMS education survey is part of the 80th round of the National Sample Survey and is focused on household expenditure for currently enrolled students in school education

EDUCATION COSTLIER IN URBAN, PVT SCHOOLS

- The average per-student expenditure made by households on school education during the current academic year in government schools was estimated at ₹2,863 against ₹25,002 in private schools
- The average annual household expenditure on private coaching per student was estimated at ₹3,988 in urban areas and ₹1,793 in rural

GOVT

SCHOLARSHIPS FIRST MAJOR SOURCE OF EDUCATION FUNDING FOR 1.2% STUDENTS

CHENNAI ▪ MADURAI ▪ VIJAYAWADA ▪ BENGALURU ▪ KOCHI ▪ HYDERABAD ▪ VISAKHAPATNAM ▪ COIMBATORE ▪ KOZHIKODE ▪ THIRUVANANTHAPURAM ▪ BELAGAVI ▪ BHUBANESWAR ▪ SHIVAMOGGA ▪ MANGALURU ▪ TIRUPATI ▪ TIRUCHY ▪ TIRUNELVELI ▪ SAMBALPUR ▪ HUBBALLI ▪ DHARMAPURI ▪ KOTTAYAM ▪ KANNUR ▪ VILLUPURAM ▪ KOLLAM ▪ TADEPALLIGUDEM ▪ NAGAPATTINAM ▪ THRISSUR ▪ KALABURAGI

CHENAB, TAWI, UJH, RAVI IN SPATE

11 KILLED, 7 ON LANDSLIDE-HIT VAISHNO DEVI ROUTE

Rescue and relief operations by CRPF personnel after a landslide near Adh Kuwari in Katra | IANS

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Jammu

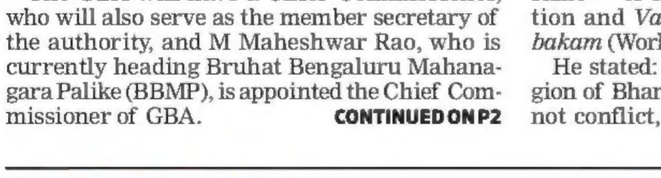
AT least 11 people were killed and several others injured on Tuesday as relentless heavy rain wreaked havoc across Jammu and Kashmir, triggering landslides, flash floods and widespread damage to public and private property.

Among the casualties, seven pilgrims died and 14 were injured when a massive landslide hit near Ardhkunwari on the pilgrimage route to the Vaishno Devi shrine in Reasi district. The incident occurred around 3 pm near the Inderprastha Bhojnalaya, halfway along the 12-km trek to the shrine atop Trikuta Hills. Officials said the yatra had already been suspended on the Himkoti route in the morning, and the old track was closed by 1.30 pm due to worsening conditions.

Four more deaths were reported from Doda district in separate rain-related incidents, taking the total toll to nine. The Jammu division witnessed flooding, infrastructure damage, and traffic paralysis, prompting the administration to suspend the Jammu-Srinagar and Kishtwar-Doda highways and multiple interior roads.

More than two-dozen houses and bridges were damaged, and most rivers, including the Chenab, Tawi, Ujh, and Ravi, crossed danger levels, submerging low-lying areas and roads across the region. In Kathua district, the Modhopur barrage crossed the one lakh cusecs mark, causing flooding in areas along the Ravi.

All educational institutions and non-essential offices have been ordered shut across Jammu division. The weather office forecast very heavy rainfall over the next 40 hours in Jammu, Samba, Kathua, Reasi, Udhampur, Rajouri, Ramban, Doda and Kishtwar. It warned of flash floods, cloudbursts, and landslides in high-altitude areas.



A van swept away as raging river damaged a road, in Manali on Tuesday | PTI

India braces for impact as 50% tariffs kick in

Industry seeks urgent relief; RBI, govt offer credit, financial support

PUSHPITA DEY @ New Delhi

DASHING hopes of a last-minute reprieve, the US on Tuesday confirmed that the additional 25% tariff on Indian goods will kick in on August 27, taking the overall tariffs to 50%.

According to a notice issued by the US Customs and Border Protection, the additional duties will cover a wide range of Indian exports including textiles, gems and jewellery, leather, machinery, furniture and marine products.

The tariffs are being imposed under US President Donald Trump's executive order of August 6, announcing a punitive 25% levy on India for buying Russian oil.

The impact will be severe for labour-intensive sectors such as textiles, apparel, gems & jewellery, and marine products, with effective duties climbing as high as 64% once existing most-favoured nation (MFN) rates are added. However, steel, copper, aluminium, smartphones, semiconductors, and automobiles have been spared.

Exporters seek urgent relief in the form of interest subvention schemes and easier access to export credit.

The commerce ministry has assured industry of credit support while RBI Governor Sanjay Malhotra pledged financial relief for affected sectors.

Experts say these measures are not enough. S C Ralhan, president of Federation of Indian Export Organisations, warns 55% of India's shipments to the US now face a 30-35% pricing disadvantage against exporters from China, Vietnam, Cambodia, and other Asian economies.

Several associations have urged fiscal relief until trade terms are renegotiated under the proposed bilateral trade pact with US.

TARIFF TRACKER

Mithileshwar Thakur, secretary-general, AEPC, said the sector needs additional funds, moratorium on loan repayments, among others.

Rakesh Mehra, chairman, Confederation of Indian Textile Industry, said finding new markets and clients can't be done overnight.

The Gem & Jewellery Export Promotion Council has sought reimbursements covering 25-50% of additional tariff.

The Indian SME Forum urged the government to launch the Global Market Intelligence System. P15

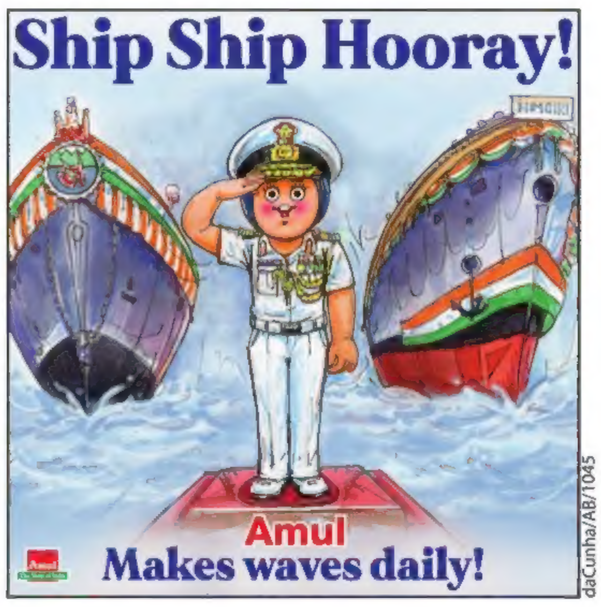
NEW U.S. SECTORAL TARIFFS ON INDIAN GOODS APPLICABLE

0% tax on Pharma, Smartphones

Shrimps	50% (0% / 50%)	Textile, made up	59% (9% / 50%)
Petroleum	6.9% (6.9% / 0%)	Diamonds, gold & products	52.1% (2.1% / 50%)
Organic chemicals	54% (4% / 50%)	Steel, Copper, aluminium	51.7% (1.7% / 50%)
Carpets	52.9% (2.9% / 50%)	Vehicles,& parts	26% (1% / 25%)
Apparel; Knitted	63.9% (13.9% / 50%)	Machinery and mechanical appliances	51.3% (1.3% / 50%)
Apparel; woven	60.3% (10.3% / 50%)		

Source: GTRI

US MFN Tariff | New Trump Tariff



NCLT judge recuses self over 'pressure from top judiciary'

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ New Delhi

IN a rare incident, a judicial member of the National Company Law Appellate Tribunal (NCLAT) recently recused himself from hearing a case after he was allegedly "approached by one of the most revered members of the higher judiciary".

"We are anguished to observe, that one of us, Member (Judicial), has been approached by one of the most revered members of the higher judiciary of this country for seeking an order in favour of a particular party," said the NCLAT order dated August 13.

The order was passed by a two-judge member bench of the NCLAT, headed by Justice Sharad Kumar Sharma, who recused from hearing the case.

DKS apologises for singing RSS anthem in House

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Bengaluru

DEPUTY Chief Minister **DK Shivakumar**, also KPCC president, on Tuesday apologised to his party colleagues and also members of the INDIA bloc for reciting the RSS anthem inside the Legislature Assembly recently that triggered a controversy.

"If anyone is hurt, I am sorry. I want to apologise to all of them. None from the party high command questioned me on this," Shivakumar told the media. He clarified that he is apologising not because of pressure from the high command, which knows his loyalty to the party. Shivakumar said he did not commit any mistake, and recited the anthem not to praise RSS, but to target Assembly opposition leader R Ashoka.

"I tried to pull their (BJP's) leg. Some of my friends are trying to take political advantage of it and trying to use it, misuse it and create confusion around it," he alleged.

"The specific part of the recital was cut and pasted and mixed with other issues to make it a national news story," he rued. "I started as a student leader with Congress and have been working with the party since 1979. I am not a new member to the party. I don't need to be taught a lesson by anyone. When Indira Gandhi passed away, I was the one who named my touring talkies after her."

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BRUHAT BENGALURU MAHANAGARA PALIKE
Happy Gowri Ganesha festival to all
Sri Siddaramaiah
Hon'ble Chief Minister
Government of Karnataka
Sri D K Shivakumar
Hon'ble Deputy Chief Minister &
Minister for Bengaluru City Development
Government of Karnataka
WORSHIP ENVIRONMENT FRIENDLY GANESHA IDOL WITH DEVOTIONS
PUBLIC NOTICE
Public are requested to follow the below mentioned guidelines while celebrating the festival
• Keep environment friendly Ganesha (clay and turmeric) Idols.
• Ganesha Idols kept in the houses should be immersed in the house or in the mobile tanks or Kalyanis designated by BBMP.
• For Traditional Celebrations prior permission for the single window Centres should be obtained for installation of Ganesha Idols.
• Follow queue and await your turn to prevent crowding at the places of immersion.
• Before the immersion of the Ganesha Idol, remove the flowers and other materials, separate it as dry and wet waste and dispose them at the designated places.
• Ganesha idols should be handed over to BBMP Members at the time of immersions.
• Do not use Plastic, Polythene, Thermocol, Ganesha Idols made of P.O.P chemicals which are harmful to the environment.
• Strictly follow the guidelines already issued by the government and any other rules and guidelines issued in the future.
NOTE: Scan the QR code for information on 75 Single Window centres & concerned Nodal Officers and details of 41 temporary Kalyanis & 490 Temporary Mobile Tanks in the limits of BBMP or visit website https://qapps.bbmpgov.in/ganesh2025/ or call BBMP Helpline 1533
Tushar Giri Nath, IAS., Administrator, BBMP
As enshrined in our constitution "to safe guard public property and abjure violence is the fundamental duty of every citizen of the country
Maheshwar Rao M, IAS., Chief Commissioner, BBMP

GBA all set to replace BBMP from Sept 2

MOHAMMED YACOOB @Bengaluru

THE state government on Tuesday issued a notification creating the Greater Bengaluru Authority (GBA), which will come into effect from September 2.

As per the notification, the GBA will have 75 members, headed by Chief Minister Siddaramaiah as its ex-officio Chairman and Deputy Chief Minister and Bengaluru Development Minister as the vice-chairman. The GBA also has two central ministers as ex-officio members, Nirmala Sitharaman, who is a Rajya Sabha member from Karnataka, and Shobha Karandlaje, who represents Bengaluru North Lok Sabha constituency.

The GBA will have a Chief Commissioner, who will also serve as the member secretary of the authority, and M Maheshwar Rao, who is currently heading Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP), is appointed the Chief Commissioner of GBA. CONTINUED ON P2

Uniformity not needed for unity: RSS chief Bhagwat

RAJESH KUMAR THAKUR @ New Delhi

AMID sharp political polarisation across the country, RSS chief Mohan Bhagwat on Tuesday conveyed a message of moderation and unity, saying having different ideologies is not a crime. Inaugurating a three-day lecture series to mark RSS' centenary, he said, "For 40,000 years, the DNA of people living in Akhand Bharat is the same. Our culture and worldview is same — of living in coordination and *Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam* (World is one family)".

He stated: "The natural religion of Bharat is coordination, not conflict, and Hindus have the tradition of walking together. We all have a collective responsibility towards the country." Defining who is a Hindu, Bhagwat stated, "Those who believe in the following their faith, respect those of others, and work together for the Rashtra are Hindus."

He said: "The Sangh believes that to be united we do not need uniformity. We have a culture of living together in harmony," Bhagwat said, as he stressed the importance of inclusive national development. The goal, he said, is to elevate the country to the status of "Vishwaguru" (global teacher), adding the time for India to make its contribution to the world has arrived.